

### Vegetation Unit Summaries for Leach Botanical Garden (LBG)

Report date: 3/27/2007 '\*' = non-native invasive species

Visit data as of: 3/27/2007

#### Unit rLBG\*17

Size: 0.30 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Deciduous woodland

% Tree canopy: 55% % Non-Native Cover: 90

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/6/2006

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was

present)

**Dominant Trees:** red alder (Alnus rubra), bigleaf maple (Acer macrophyllum).

Trees > 20% cover: Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii).

**Dominant Shrubs:** English ivy (Hedera helix\*). **Shrubs > 20% cover:** 

Himalayan blackberry (Rubus discolor\*).

**Additional Invasives:** reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea\*), European hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna\*), morning glory (Convolvulus

arvensis\*), herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum\*), English laurel (Prunus

laurocerasus\*), bittersweet nightshade (Solanum dulcamara\*).

**Ecological Health:** Poor.

**Primary Management concerns:** heavy level of invasive species, Stream Bank

Erosion, Informal Trails.

### Unit rLBG\*23L

Size: 0.30 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Evergreen forest

% Tree canopy: 95% % Non-Native Cover: 10

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/12/2006

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was

present)

**Dominant Trees:** western red cedar (Thuja plicata > 50% cover), Douglas fir

(Pseudotsuga menziesii).

Shrubs > 20% cover: salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis).

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**Dominant Forbs:** sword fern (Polystichum munitum), piggy-back plant (Tolmiea menziesii).

Additional Invasives: herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum\*), English ivy

(Hedera helix\*), Norway maple (Acer platanoides\*).

Ecological Health: Good.

#### Unit rLBG\*23R

Size: 0.33 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

% Tree canopy: 80% % Non-Native Cover: 70

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/7/2006

**Wetland indicators:** Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was present)

Additional Invasives: herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum\*), bishop's goutweed (Aegopodium podagraria\*), horsechestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum\*), Norway maple (Acer platanoides\*), English ivy (Hedera helix\*), reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea\*), Himalayan blackberry (Rubus discolor\*).

**Ecological Health:** Fair.

**Primary Management concerns:** heavy level of invasive species, Stream Bank Erosion.

### Unit rLBG\*24

Size: 0.25 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Deciduous forest

% Tree canopy: 80% % Non-Native Cover: 80

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/11/2006

**Wetland indicators:** Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was present)

**Dominant Trees:** red alder (Alnus rubra), bigleaf maple (Acer macrophyllum). **Dominant Shrubs:** English ivy (Hedera helix\* > 50% cover), Indian-plum (Oemleria cerasiformis), salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis).

**Additional Invasives:** Himalayan blackberry (Rubus discolor\*), reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea\*), bittersweet nightshade (Solanum dulcamara\*), morning glory (Convolvulus arvensis\*), herb-Robert (Geranium

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robertianum\*), English holly (Ilex aquafolium\*), European hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna\*), English laurel (Prunus laurocerasus\*).

**Ecological Health:** Good.

**Primary Management concerns:** heavy level of invasive species, Trampling, Stream Bank Erosion, Informal Trails.

### Unit rLBG\*25

Size: 0.20 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

% Tree canopy: 60% % Non-Native Cover: 90

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/11/2006

**Wetland indicators:** Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was present)

**Dominant Trees:** western red cedar (Thuja plicata), red alder (Alnus rubra). **Dominant Shrubs:** English ivy (Hedera helix\* > 50% cover), Himalayan blackberry (Rubus discolor\*). **Shrubs > 20% cover:** salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis).

Grasses > 20% cover: reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea\*).

**Dominant Forbs:** creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens > 50% cover). **Forbs > 20% cover:** spotted orange touch-me-not (Impatiens capensis).

Additional Invasives: European mountain ash (Sorbus aucuparia\*), European hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna\*), English holly (Ilex aquafolium\*), morning glory (Convolvulus arvensis\*), clematis (Clematis vitalba\*), English laurel (Prunus laurocerasus\*), herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum\*), Sycamore maple (Acer pseudoplatanus\*).

**Ecological Health:** Good.

**Primary Management concerns:** heavy level of invasive species, Trampling, Stream Bank Erosion, Informal Trails.

### Unit rLBG\*27

Size: 0.19 Acres

**NVCS Subclass:** Deciduous forest

% Tree canopy: 70% % Non-Native Cover: 90

Slope: na Aspect: na

Visit date: 7/11/2006

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**Wetland indicators:** Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation. (Surface water was present)

**Dominant Trees:** red alder (Alnus rubra).

**Dominant Shrubs:** Himalayan blackberry (Rubus discolor\*).

**Dominant Forbs:** creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens > 50% cover).

Additional Invasives: European hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna\*), English holly (Ilex aquafolium\*), bittersweet nightshade (Solanum dulcamara\*), morning glory (Convolvulus arvensis\*), English laurel (Prunus laurocerasus\*), reed canarygrass (Phalaris arundinacea\*), herb-Robert (Geranium robertianum\*).

**Ecological Health:** Good.

**Primary Management concerns:** heavy level of invasive species, Trampling, Soil Compaction, Stream Bank Erosion, Informal Trails.